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IN RE APPLICATION OF: CARTER MOORE ET AL.
APPLICATION No.: 10/796,257
FILED: MARCH 9, 2004
FOR: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR
PLANARIZING WORKPIECES, E.G.,
MICROELECTRONIC WORKPIECES**

EXAMINER: TIMOTHY V. ELEY
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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

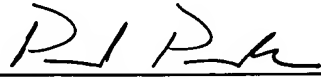
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Sir:

In the Notices of Allowability mailed September 2, 2005 and February 2, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-60. Although the applicants' attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicants' attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner in the September 2, 2006 Notice of Allowability and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

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